GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4019
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DIVERSION OF FOODGRAINS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Union Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned `Chaakulia mein 500 Bora Genhun Zameen Mein Gaadaa Gaya` appearing in Dainik Jagran dated September 9, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) the name of the scheme under which these foodgrains were allotted alongwith the date on which such allocation was made;

(d) the action taken against the guilty persons so far; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure that the foodgrains meant fordistribution among the poor and starving people reach them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN))

(a), (b), (c)&(d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(e): In order to ensure that the benefits of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) reach the targetted beneficiaries, detailed guidelines on identification of AAY families and implementation of the scheme were issued to the States. In order to maintain supplies and ensure distribution of essential commodities under the PDS, the Government hasissued PDS (Control) Order, 2001 under Section 3 of Essential Commodities Act 1955. The salient features of the order relate toidentification of BPL and Antyodaya families, issue of ration cards, scale of issue and issue prices, licensing, distribution and monitoring of the functioning of the Public Distribution System.